

Seeking a Director, Division of Loan Repayment at the National Institutes of Health

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Office of Extramural Research (OER), Office of Extramural Programs (OEP), will be recruiting* a director (GS-15) for the Division of Loan Repayment (DLR). This is a vital position within OER that will undertake and provide leadership and expertise regarding all matters affecting the NIH loan repayment programs (LRPs). The DLR is responsible for the administrative, financial, operational, and public policy related to the Intramural and Extramural Loan Repayment Programs which are designed to attract and retain health professionals in biomedical research careers.

The director DLR is responsible for administering and providing leadership for the NIH LRPs: Clinical Research, Pediatric Research, Health Disparities Research, Clinical Researchers from Disadvantaged Backgrounds, and Contraception and Infertility Research. These LRPs offset educational loans in order to reduce the pressing financial barriers that often prevent scientists from entering productive careers in health-related research. This program is specifically tailored to address those financial barriers and to provide opportunities for physicians and other post-doctoral scientific or clinical fellows interested in research careers to reduce their loans in return for agreeing to serve as a researcher for a specified period of time at a domestic non-profit or federal, state, or local government research institution. More than 15,000 researchers have participated in LRPs and received more than \$700 million dollars in loan repayments.

The director DLR is also responsible for implanting the NIH-Wide service agreements and administering the payback requirements for National Research Service Awards (NRSA). The NRSA legislation requires Postdoctoral recipients of support to “pay back” the U.S. Government by engaging in health-related biomedical or behavioral research.

The director DLR is also responsible for:

- planning and implementing all activities relating to former NRSA trainees/fellows that have payback service obligations
- managing and directing the work of a professional staff consisting of administrative, technical, and clerical employees
- representing NIH on internal and external committees, taskforces, and other working groups concerned with the operations, policy development, and evaluation of the LRP
- communicating and coordinating with individuals involved in the administration of the programs under the DLR's purview, including but not limited to applicants, participants, the Department of Health and Human Services, NIH, congressional staff, and members of the public
- directing the coordination of LRP application receipt and data management systems with NIH project teams and other relevant entities to ensure effective integration information and operation of the LRP and other intramural and extramural programs
- designing and implementing new loan repayment programs and initiatives to support the NIH mission.

To accomplish these duties, the candidate must possess a strong biomedical research background and have extensive expertise in trans-organizational financial incentive programs. The position also requires

an individual who has strong interpersonal skills and is a critical thinker who can provide expert advice to internal and external stakeholders. In addition, the candidate must have the ability to gain support of constituents, both internal and external to the NIH, on key biomedical research administrative and science policy issues that may have competing interests.

The work site location is the Washington, D.C. suburb of Bethesda, Maryland. Salary is competitive and commensurate with experience and excellent benefits are provided. All applicants are considered without regard to ethnicity, gender, national origin, age, religion, disability, or sexual orientation. The HHS and NIH are equal opportunity employers.

To learn more information about the OER, please visit: <http://grants.nih.gov>.

- * The position will be advertised as a Supervisory Health Science Administrator, GS-0601-15. To be considered, candidates must formally apply through USAJOB. The vacancy announcement for the position contains complete application procedures and lists all mandatory information in which candidates must submit with their application. Beginning on May 22, 2015, candidates may view the announcement by visiting <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov> and searching for vacancy announcement #NIH-OD-MP-15-1355433 (Open to Status Applicants) and/or #NIH-OD-DE-15-1355431 (Open to U.S. Citizens). Applications must be received by 11:59 PM (EST) on June 1, 2015. For questions about the application process, please contact Amanda Clatterbaugh at clatterbaughaj@mail.nih.gov or (301) 234-6509.

U.S. Citizenship Required.